

SENATE RESOLUTION No. ____

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A SENATE RESOLUTION to congratulate Pike Lumber Company for 100 years of providing quality hardwoods, excellent service and fostering a strong commitment to forest stewardship.

WEATHERWAX

_____, read first time and referred to Committee on



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MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

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Whereas, in November, 1904, Pike Lumber Company, Inc. was founded by D.A. Pike in Wabash Indiana. D.A. Pike ran this sawmill with the same time honored integrity and honesty as his Quaker ancestors;

Whereas, in 1933, Pike Lumber relocated to Akron, Indiana. Expanding the business further, Pike's daughter, Helen, took a portable sawmill and crew and cut railroad ties across northern Indiana and southern Michigan;

Whereas, Helen then married Howard Utter, a lumberjack, and together they purchased an abandoned sawmill in Akron and began a building program that remains ongoing. Howard operated portable mills across Indiana and Helen continued to cut railroad ties to help pay for the improvements to the Akron plant;

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Whereas, the Utters' hard work, combined with their ability to hire top-notch employees, made the business grow. In 1978, a sawmill was opened at Carbon, located in west central Indiana. Pike's name had become synonymous with quality hardwoods, excellent service and a strong commitment to forest stewardship;

Whereas, Pike Lumber owns more than 100 tracts of forestland and manages numerous others for landowners in Indiana, Ohio and southwestern Michigan. One of the company's long-term goals is to grow at least 20 percent of the raw material that goes through the sawmills; and

Whereas, from its beginning, Pike Lumber Company has maintained a reverent attitude toward customer service, the forest and a broad base of customers. Their customers have come to expect nothing less than the same honesty, integrity and strict standards of fairness that formed their foundation back in 1904 and make Pike Brand today's industry standard of excellence: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

SECTION 1. That the Indiana State Senate recognizes Pike Lumber Company for 100 years of excellence in the hardwood manufacturing.

SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to James Mulligan, President of Pike Lumber Company.

